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SUBJ: VOLSPKR ALBERT JOHNSON

1. NOTED FILM CRITIC ALBERT JOHNSON ATTENDING CANNES FILM FESTIVAL MAY
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9-24; BERLIN FESTIVAL JUNE 28 - JULY 11; MOSCOW FESTIVAL JULY 18 - 24

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BEING PROGRAMMED BY USIS TUNIS MAY 26-31; DAMASCUS JUNE 10-12; BEIRUT
JUNE 16-21. AVAILABLE ADDRESSEE POSTS FOR FILM PROGRAM JUNE 2-7;
JUNE 23-27; JULY 14-18; JULY 25-AUG 15.

2. JOHNSON HAS PHD UCLA; ATTENDED U CAL (BERKELEY), OXFORD AND
SHAKESPEARE INST, ENGLAND. HAS LECTURED AND BEEN GUEST PROFESSOR AT
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SAN FRANCISCO STATE COL, UCLA, U CAL, AND U TEL AVIV IN AMERICAN

FILM HISTORY, AMERICAN DIRECTORS, AND CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN CINEMA. IS LECTURER IN AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES DEPT., U CALL ON "THIRD WORLD CINEMA" AND "THE AFRO-AMERICAN AND THE WORLD OF CINEMA."

JOHNSON WAS CO-FOUNDER AND EDITOR OF FIRST SERIOUS FILM JOURNAL IN U.S. "FILM QUARTERLY" IN 1958. WAS PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 1965-72. HAS BEEN DELEGATE TO NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVALS AND CORRESPONDENT FOR U.S. PRESS AND PERIODICALS. IN 1972 WAS STAG LECTURER FOR DEPT STATE IN NEAR EAST. HAS LECTURED AT NUMEROUS USIS POSTS INCLUDING WARSAW, BUCHAREST, ATHENS, ANKARA, ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI. JOHNSON HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY USIS OFFICERS AS EFFECTIVE AND DYNAMIC SPEAKER WHO DISPLAYS HIGH DEGREE OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY, WHICH ENHANCES HIS EFFECTIVENESS IN COMMUNICATING WITH FOREIGN AUDIENCES. USIS ISLAMABAD REPORTS HE IS "A VERITABLE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FILM HISTORY."

3. JOHNSON OFFERS PACKAGE "BLACK AMERICANS: THE CINEMATIC VIEW", WHICH INCLUDES SIX 16MM FILMS, EACH DEMONSTRATING AN ISSUE IN BLACK EXPERIENCE. TITLES: A. SHADOWS; B. BROTHER JOHN; C. SWEET LOVE, BITTER; D. THE STORY OF A THREE DAY PASS; E. THE LEARNING TREE; F. THE MEMBER OF THE WEDDING. PROGRAM COULD RANGE FROM SINGLE LECTURE TO COMPLETE PACKAGE.

4. ALTERNATE PACKAGE POSSIBLY AVAILABLE APPROXIMATELY JUNE 25, BUT NOT YET SCREENED; THREE FILMS DEPICTING THE ACTING STYLES OF THREE ACTRESSES. FILMS NOT AVAILABLE FOR SCREENING UNTIL MID-JUNE. WILL ADVISE.

5. TERMS: HONORARIUM \$75 PER LECTURE; PLUS PER DIEM; DIVERSIONARY TRAVEL; SHIPMENT OF FILMS NEXT PROGRAMMING POST. TRAVEL BEFORE JUNE 27: FROM CANNES, SHARED WITH TUNIS, BEIRUT, DAMASCUS; AFTER JULY 11 FROM BERLIN; AFTER JULY 24 FROM MOSCOW. POSTS MAY WORK OUT COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORM TUNIS INFO USIA BY MAY 29 WHETHER OR NOT INTERESTED, AND CONFIRM DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS WITH BEIRUT OR DAMASCUS ABOVE DATES. WILL SEND DETAILED BIO AND FILM DESCRIPTION ON REQUEST. UNCLASSIFIED

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7. FOR MOSCOW: JOHNSON VISITING USSR ON OFFICIAL INVITATION. PLANS INTERVIEW FILM PRODUCER ABRAM ROOM FOR ARTICLE. POST MAY WISH CONTACT OR ARRANGE PROGRAM. INGERSOLL

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